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## Allowable Subject Matter

- 1. The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance: The specific limitation set forth in the instant process for producing acetic acid and other saturated carboxylic acids, wherein water is added to the reaction mixture is not taught or fairly suggested in the closest prior art of record, Drury et al. (U.S. 4,853,482).
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